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By Jessica Gallart
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What a dilemma!

What would you do? That's what we want to know. Here is our dilemma of the week. ... Here we go again: **Jury selection begins today in Rod Blagojevich's retrial.** On Monday, a federal judge called for restraint after prosecutors complained about the former governor's recent media blitz. **What should Blago do next?** Text "trial" followed by the number of your choice to **87708**. We'll text you back letting you know how everyone voted.

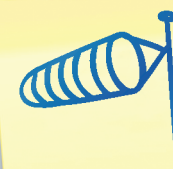


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TODAY'S FORECAST

Does it really have to be cold AND windy?



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We had to open ...




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... our big mouth



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A wildfire threatened a home Tuesday in Strawn, Texas, as blazes raged across the state.

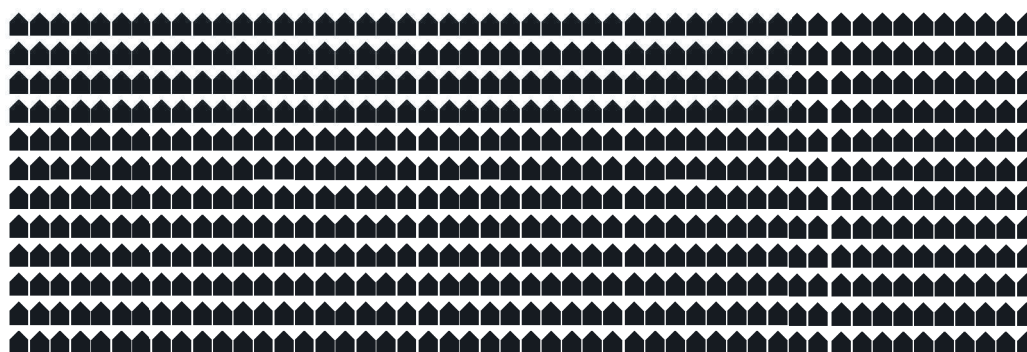
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WILDFIRES PUMMEL TEXAS

DRY, WINDY CONDITIONS FAN FLAMES ACROSS THE STATE, THREATEN DALLAS, FORT WORTH

ARLINGTON, Texas Wildfires that have burned hundreds of thousands of acres in Texas crept closer to the Dallas-Fort Worth area Tuesday, razing some upscale homes near a lake and threatening hundreds more homes. The fires started in sparsely populated west Texas and have moved east, helped by bone dry conditions and winds whipping up the flames. Just west of Fort Worth, the towns of Strawn, Bunker and several communities around Possum Kingdom Lake have been evacuated. Graham, the county seat of Young County, was under threat Tuesday, according to Texas Forest Service officials.

REUTERS, CNN



600

Fires west of Fort Worth threaten more than 600 homes and have destroyed dozens of residences, officials said. The wildfires pushed into the area Monday, razing upscale homes along Possum Kingdom Lake.

90%

Possum Kingdom State Park was evacu-

ated last Friday ahead of wildfires that burned 90 percent of the 1,500-acre park on the south shore of Possum Kingdom Lake and slightly damaged two buildings and two of three sewage treatment system liners. No one was injured, parks department officials said.

14

14 Texas State Park firefighters joined U.S. Forest Service

firefighters Tuesday and continued to monitor Possum Kingdom State Park for flames near a fish hatchery and nearby communities.

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Two other state parks threatened by the wildfires in

north and west Texas in recent days—San Angelo State Park and Lake Arrowhead State Park—remained open Tuesday.

10

The Texas Forest Service reported 10 new fires

since Monday, covering 435 acres. Fire crews have had some success in containing existing fires.

1,400

More than 1,400 people were fighting the fires

Tuesday, the Texas Forest Service said.

147,973

Fire involved 147,973 acres in at least three counties in the state on Tuesday, the Texas Forest Service said. The fire had been estimated at 63,000 acres Monday night.

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Ready to meet the parents?

Ah, April. The month when single Chicagoans finally start believing again in the possibility of a life above 30 degrees. Something about not having to wrap your body in fiberglass insulation just to walk to the corner bar sure makes dating seem more appealing.

The season change is welcome, of course, but I wouldn't be doing my job as a relationship expert if I didn't remind the returnees to Datersville that this week is fraught with danger. Passover began Monday and Easter is Sunday, and you know what that means: Time to meet the parents. And on a holy holiday, no less.

If beads of sweat are forming on your brow at the thought of introducing your new boo to the fam or trying not to swear in front of your sweetie's even-sweeter mom, let me assure you that you can do it.

Like any good relationship guru, I've boiled down what you need to know into three points: communication, compromise and compassion. Keep these three C's in mind, and with luck you'll find yourselves spending Memorial Day weekend together too.

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Communication

If your new honey doesn't know you hate, say, eating gefilte fish or getting up early for sunrise church services, he or she can't reject you for it. This is a terrible strategy. While it's tempting to keep your preferences and concerns unspoken—thereby preserving a positive but ultimately fake image of yourself—repressing emotions never is a good thing. When those strong feelings do emerge, they tend to do it in an inflated, messy way. Like a Peep in the microwave.

Compromise

Your extended family always has Easter dinner together; your sweetie's parents think the honey-baked ham just doesn't taste the same if all the kids aren't home. How to choose? In this scenario, you need to get strategic—and realistic. If, on a scale of 1-10, your desire to see your folks is a 4 and hers is a 7, let that inform your decision. And be an adult: If you say you're OK with decorating Easter eggs at her family's house this year, no fair "accidentally" dropping them.

Compassion

At the risk of getting cheesy, let me leave you with this: The most significant factor in your relationship isn't where or how you spend your holidays, it's how you arrive at those kinds of decisions. Holidays can be tough, and many big family gatherings can bring up emotions and worries that you and your sweetheart might not anticipate. So tread lightly, acknowledge your differences, look for opportunities to be supportive and know that the way you handle yourself in situations like these is evidence of how suitable you are as a long-term partner.

If things get rough, blow off steam by microwaving some Peeps. That's what I do. **REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR OREN MATTESON, M.D., IS A CHICAGO-BASED THERAPIST AND RELATIONSHIP EXPERT. BECOMINGAMODERNMALE.COM**



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Forrest Claypool, Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel's choice for CTA president, answers questions from the media at the Merchandise Mart CTA station Tuesday.

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NEW TRACK STAR

EMANUEL TAPS INSIDER TO TAKE THE REINS OF CASH-STRAPPED CTA

Chicago Tribune

Forrest Claypool.

If the name's not familiar now, it will be soon. On Tuesday, Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel chose the City Hall veteran to ensure the city's trains and buses run on time.

New CTA President Claypool, who's known Emanuel for decades, will oversee day-to-day operations. Terry Peterson, who was instrumental in Emanuel's successful mayoral campaign, will continue as CTA board chairman.

Both will face major challenges centered on money: There's not enough of it year-to-year, or to upgrade an aging public transit system. And union contracts covering 9,000 CTA employees are set to expire in December.

"Forrest is no stranger to taking on daunting challenges," Emanuel said at a news conference, citing Claypool's tenure running the Chicago Park District for Mayor Daley. "He shares my belief that [the CTA] is our most critical piece of infrastructure. Forrest has the experience to capitalize on the CTA's strengths and the creative mind to guide its future."

Claypool does not have a transportation background, but Emanuel said his appointment is not political. Claypool did not have experience running parks before he took over the Park District either, Emanuel said.

"That is what public service is about," Emanuel said. "It's bringing innovation, creativity, a sense of commitment to what the mission is and that's why I selected him."

Claypool said the "best indicator of how people are likely to do is what they've done in the past." At the Park District, Claypool cut costs and expanded recreation programs while taking political heat for slashing payroll and privatizing some operations.

Emanuel said his top transportation priorities will be to build 25 miles of new bike lanes annually and expand CTA's Red Line. He wants to secure federal funding to rebuild deteriorating tracks south to 95th Street,

MORE ONLINE

Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel announced Tuesday that he's picked Forrest Claypool to replace CTA President Rich Rodriguez, who was tapped by Mayor Daley in February 2009. Going Public reporter Tracy Swartz takes a look at some of the highs and lows of Rodriguez's term at redeyechicago.com/goingpublic. Check it out for a rehash of how he did with his first full-length RedEye interview, service cuts and other developments during the past two years.



Emergency crews work the scene after a Brown Line train was caught in a switch problem between the Southport stop and the Belmont station Tuesday. **NATHAN WEBER/TRIBUNE**

Rush-hour nightmare

Apparent CTA switch problem halts commutes; no injuries reported

Chicago Tribune

Jeff Zeigler was on his way downtown Tuesday morning when the Brown Line train he was riding stopped and returned to the Southport station. He walked to the Belmont Red Line station, but it too was closed.

"I'm about an hour and a half behind an already busy day," he said. "There has not been a lot of communication, but it looks like everyone is working hard under difficult circumstances."

The holdup, which created a logging commute for CTA customers, was an apparent switching problem that stopped all trains near the Belmont station, forcing hundreds to take shuttle buses.

A Brown Line train became stuck about 8:45 a.m. while switching tracks just north of the Belmont station, holding up other trains on the Brown, Red and Purple lines, according to CTA and police officials. No injuries were reported.

Doug Musteikis gave up on the train and decided to take a bus from the Grand Red Line stop to the Orange Line so he could get to his home on the Southwest Side. "It was about 15 minutes for me, but I know some people were waiting longer than that," Musteikis said as he left the station.

Musteikis said CTA employees were making announcements over speakers on the platform but that the messages were too garbled to be understood.

Service was restored about 11:15 a.m., though shuttle buses continued to run until stations were cleared out, CTA spokeswoman Wanda Taylor said.

All aboard the stalled Brown Line cars were safely evacuated, officials said. CTA officials were investigating how the incident occurred, but a fire official at the scene said at least one car was involved.

Another CTA spokeswoman, Noelle Gaff-

ney, stopped short of calling the incident a derailment, saying "all of the wheels stayed on the track."

Gaffney said the eight-car train had just left the Belmont station and was headed to the Southport station when the front part of the train switched onto the westbound tracks on the Brown Line while the rest of the train's wheels remained on the northbound tracks.

"The first part of the train went on the correct track, but the middle part stayed on the northbound track," Gaffney said.

Shuttle buses for Brown Line riders ran between the Southport and Fullerton stops. Red Line shuttles ran between the Addison and Fullerton stops. Purple Line riders were asked to take shuttle buses from the Howard stop.

During the incident, Belmont was closed between Sheffield Avenue and Clark Street.

extend the line to 130th and renovate and modernize lines north of Belmont.

In August 2009, the CTA's board voted to extend the Red Line by more than five miles. The \$1.2 billion effort was meant to help disadvantaged neighborhoods by adding four stations as well as bus terminals and park-and-ride lots.

Like Peterson, Claypool is familiar with City Hall's byways. In the late 1980s, Claypool became Daley's chief of staff, a position he held twice. Before that, Claypool was in the political consulting business with David Axelrod, who's now President Obama's top re-election strategist.

Claypool's relationship with Emanuel goes back decades. The two worked on a central Illinois congressional campaign when both were in col-

lege. More recently, Claypool served on Emanuel's transportation transition committee.

The position is a step up for Claypool, a reform-minded former Democratic Cook County commissioner who was out of politics and government after losing an independent bid for Cook County assessor in November. The CTA's budget is about \$1.34 billion, more than three times the Park District budget. The city's rail and bus system has a \$7 billion wish list. Parts of it are more than 100 years old.

Last year, several of the CTA's train and bus runs were eliminated. And the agency, like other public transportation systems across the nation, has been dipping into funds set aside for new equipment to cover day-to-day costs.

"The biggest challenge, I think, right off the bat is financial, because the CTA has hundreds of millions of dollars in deficits and has been for years using capital dollars in onetime plugs, including a loan from the state to fill those gaps, and obviously that can't continue," Claypool told the Tribune.

A freeze on CTA fare increases is set to expire at the end of the year, along with the union contracts. Peterson noted he soon will have to start negotiating in earnest; he said service cuts will be a last resort.

"I don't want to stand here today and start negotiating back and forth," Peterson said. "We know that we can keep things going as they are until December. That's one of the challenges we are going to have in terms of sitting down."

Riders react

No one was injured when the CTA suffered an equipment problem near the Belmont "L" stop Tuesday morning, but the incident made for a slow commute in cold, rainy weather. RedEye received many tweets, including the excerpts below. Follow us at twitter.com/redeyechicago and facebook.com/TheRedEye.

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» Now we are packed on the bus like sardines in a can... And I'm cold wet and hungry!! Lol

» Tried to avoid crowded buses by calling a cab—forget it. No cabs to be had, and even when mine came someone else nabbed it.

» The buses are nuts. So packed that the driver is telling oncoming passengers "you have to fight your way on."

» Where the hell was Jake Gyllenhaal!?

» Thank God I took Metra today!

» Today I'm thankful to be a Blue Line rider.

» A big shoutout to #CTA for standing trains on the tracks w DOORS OPEN in the freezing rain. Are you [bleeping] kidding me.

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Officials take on city's transit woes

Chicago Tribune

The top officials from Chicago's mass transit, transportation and planning agencies gathered Tuesday for a summit on the region's transportation needs and congestion, but the session produced little more than agreement that much work needs to be done before plans could be launched.

The summit focused special attention on the need for a strategy to develop the Interstate 90/Jane Addams Tollway between O'Hare and Rockford into a multimodal corridor with a mass-transit option and an improved highway.

Already, nearly 1 million travelers a day ply the I-90 corridor, either in vehicles or on the Blue Line. Rush-hour car trips can last an hour or more.

But while state and local officials have set up an advisory council to guide development of the proposed Elgin-O'Hare Expressway extension and airport bypass, attendees at Tues-

day's summit didn't propose the same for the I-90 corridor.

State Transportation Secretary Gary Hannig said participants weren't prepared to do that yet.

"Today gave us an opportunity to discuss these issues," Hannig said. "You can see that not everybody is there yet, but we're all willing to sit down and talk and find ways to make it happen."

Kristi Lafleur, executive director of the Illinois Tollway, said the summit showed a consensus for developing the corridor, and that officials would follow up with a "more structured process."

The tollway would like to rebuild its part of the 50-year-old road and get transit agencies to help pay the cost. Estimates for widening I-90 and adding congestion-relief options, such as high-occupancy vehicle tolling and express bus lanes, range from \$1.9 billion to \$4.5 billion.

Ex-cop pleads guilty to robberies

A former Chicago police officer pleaded guilty Tuesday to federal felony charges stemming from one of the worst misconduct scandals in the department's history. Keith Herrera, 33, admitted to robberies with members of the Special Operations Section that was disbanded in 2007.

Chicago to get plugged in

Walgreen Co. announced Tuesday it will install charging stations for electric vehicles as part of a Chicago-area public charging infrastructure rollout led by California-based 350Green LLC. About 280 public stations are to be added to the 150 private stations already installed.

Owner: Road work killed my business

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BLAGO: THE SEQUEL

Ex-governor gears up for Round 2 of corruption trial

By Kyra Kyles | REDEYE

Call it "Blago Trial II: Electric Boogaloo." Or not.

However you describe it, the retrial of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich on federal corruption charges is scheduled to begin Wednesday in Chicago. Blagojevich, 54, faces 20 counts, including one that he tried to trade or sell an appointment to Barack Obama's vacated U.S. senate seat after Obama won the White House in 2008.

If you're feeling a sinking sense of deja vu, it may be because of the memorable media circus that was the June-August trial of Blagojevich and his former chief-of-staff brother, Rob Blagojevich. The high-profile case captivated Chicago and ended in a cliffhanger: one holdout juror and a jury deadlocked on all but one count—that Blagojevich lied to the FBI about his level of involvement in political fundraising.

The upcoming trial promises similar intrigue. Questions loom as to whether mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel, the former chief of staff to the president, will be called to testify. Also uncertain is whether Blagojevich will take the stand himself, after vowing to do so in the last trial before declining to speak. And this time around, Blagojevich's top-dollar legal team is no more. Instead of the theatrical father-son team of Sam Adam

Jr. and Sam Adam Sr., he will be represented by public defenders.

Also adding to the excitement: the media blitz by Blagojevich and his wife, Patti, that began prior to and continued through the 2010 trial. Blagojevich appeared on NBC's "Celebrity Apprentice" that spring. Patti did a 2009 stint on the network's "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here." A slew of TV and radio appearances also played out, as did the defendant's occasional front-yard news conferences at his Ravenswood Manor home.

Even when the dust (mostly) settled and the case against his brother was dropped, the politician formerly known as G-Rod did not go quietly into the night to await retrial. Not by a long shot.

As his new trial kicks into gear, RedEye takes a look at the former governor's recent pop culture resume.

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Reason for leaving: Temp position, as actor Joey Bland was playing Blagojevich to critical acclaim



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Employer: "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here"

Position: Reality-show promoter

Description: Selected to be stranded on an island along with Lou Diamond Phillips, Spencer and Heidi Pratt, former model Janice Dickinson and "American Idol" vote-for-the-worst icon Sanjaya. Was supposed to eat insects, brave blazing heat in pursuit of a prize and the title "King of the Jungle."

Reason for leaving position: Despite shooting a [bleeping] golden promo in which he appeared to parachute into Costa Rica courtesy of a green screen, Blagojevich was forced to allow wife Patti to take the spot after a federal judge barred him from leaving the country while awaiting trial for corruption charges.

2008

2009

BLAGO ON THE COVER

Since his arrest on federal corruption charges in 2008, Rod Blagojevich has been a staple in the media, RedEye included.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008



DECEMBER 10, 2008



DECEMBER 11, 2008



JANUARY 27, 2009





AUGUST 2009 TO JUNE 2010

Employer: WLS
(890-AM)

Position: Radio show
host/contributor

Description: Hosted two-hour program in a role that courted controversy and headlines, including a moment when Blagojevich encouraged radio listeners to "aim for the head" if they chose to throw rotten fruit at the former governor's political nemeses, including House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago).

Reason for leaving position: The station placed the show on hiatus because of Blagojevich's first trial in 2009, but he has been an occasional guest contributor, appearing as recently as March 16.

AUGUST 2010 TO PRESENT

Employer: Self

Position: Public speaker

Description: "At universities, corporate and non profit events, Rod is ready with his message of inspiration and hope." So says the former governor's publicity site, **governorrod.com**, which he's had maintained since after his first trial. This month, he spoke at a high school civics and debate convention in Oak Brook.

Reason for leaving position: N/A



OCTOBER 2010 TO PRESENT

Employer: Wonderful
Pistachio

Position: Pitchman

Description: Wore a black suit, neon green tie and opened a black suitcase full of pistachios while the voice-over narrator said "Rod Blagojevich ... does it innocently." The TV campaign is due to re-air beginning next week, according to a spokeswoman.

Reason for leaving position: N/A

SOURCES: TIME MAGAZINE, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, REDEYE, NEW YORK TIMES, ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY

MARCH TO APRIL 2010

Employer: Donald Trump

Position: Contestant on "Celebrity Apprentice" Season 3

Description: Tried to please The Donald as part of a cast including Sharon Osbourne, Cyndi Lauper, Bret Michaels and Darryl Strawberry.

Reason for leaving position: Blagojevich got the boot after he failed as team leader on a project to pull together a presentation for the then-upcoming "Harry Potter" experience at Universal Studios. Also lacked the technological savvy for the task. Revealed he did not know how to type or use text messages.



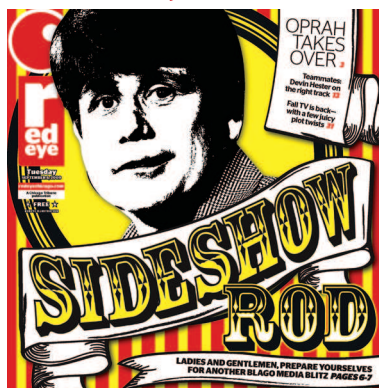
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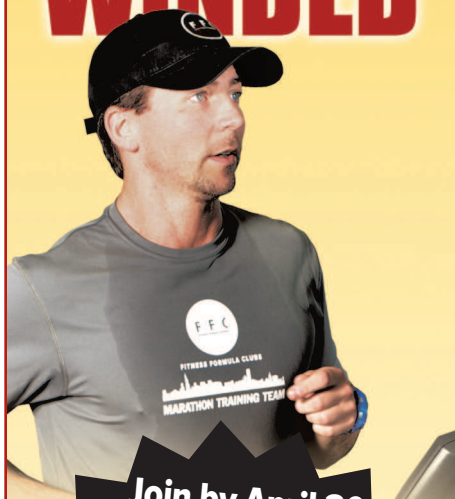
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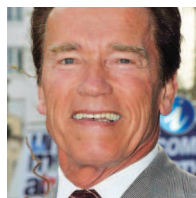


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FITNESS FORMULA CLUBS

nation/world from news services

"The French won't want a German, and the Germans won't want an Italian. How about a European-born person who went off to America and ... could return to be the Washington or Jefferson of a new unified Europe?"



—Terry Tamminen, cabinet secretary to former California Gov. **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, to Newsweek on why the Governor (above) would be a good president of the European Union

Close call for first lady

1 A plane carrying Michelle Obama had to abort its landing Monday after it came too close to a military C-17 cargo plane ahead of it, according to a senior administration official and the Federal Aviation Administration. The planes were three miles apart, when they are supposed to be five miles apart.

Year of tax cheats

2 The IRS identified 335,341 tax returns claiming \$1.9 billion in fraudulent refunds as of March 4, 2011, according to the findings of an audit. That's a whopping 181 percent increase from the same period last year.

3 kindergartners shot

3 Three kindergartners in a Houston elementary school were wounded Tuesday when a loaded handgun fell out of a student's pocket on the lunchroom floor and discharged, the school district said.

Another FAA suspension

4 A Cleveland air traffic controller and his manager have been suspended after the controller was found to be watching a movie while on duty, the Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement late Monday.

THE DIGIT

\$1,500

Gold prices topped a record \$1,500 for the first time ever Tuesday, shattering an important psychological barrier as investors seek out investments thought to be safe during times of upheaval.

Trump offers deal for his tax records

Potential presidential candidate Donald Trump, at or near the top of some recent political polls of Republican contenders, said he might release his tax returns when President Obama produces a birth certificate.

Trump made the comment in an interview with ABC's George Stephanopoulos, parts of which were aired and transcripts of which were released Tuesday. The interview was conducted Monday.

"Maybe I'm going to do the tax returns when Obama does his birth certificate. ... I'd love to give my tax returns. I may tie my tax returns into Obama's birth certificate," Trump said.

Most Republican candidates have ignored the subject or said they do not take the allegations seriously.

But Trump told Stephanopoulos: "There's a real question about the birth

GOP CONTENDERS

A Public Policy Polling survey last week said Donald Trump led the Republican field with 26 percent, followed by 17 percent for former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and 15 percent for former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, with others trailing.

certificate. There's a real question about ... his own citizenship."

There were reports of Obama's birth in Hawaii in local newspapers, Hawaiian officials have said they have the president's original birth certificate, and a certificate of life birth has been made public as well.

When Stephanopoulos said the latter met the standards of the U.S. State Department, Trump said that was not the same as a birth certificate.



Oil spill's one-year anniversary

5 Robert Barham of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries department digs up oiled sand Tuesday on a beach in southern Louisiana. Wednesday marks the one-year anniversary of the BP oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.

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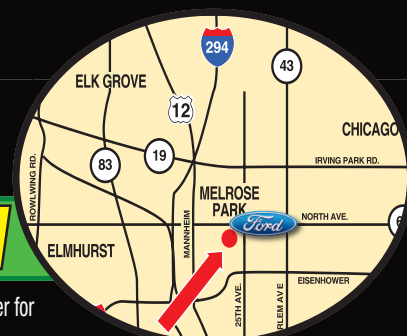
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ALIVE+CLICKING

BLACKHAWKS AVOID ELIMINATION, SEND SERIES BACK TO VANCOUVER

DO Just 1:43 into the game, **Bryan Bickell** scored the game's first goal on a beautiful, sweeping move across the front of the net that ended with him slipping the puck in the net behind Roberto Luongo's outstretched leg. It was Bickell's first goal since April 1.

DIE The Blackhawks' lead was short-lived, as they were victimized by a bad bounce on a Vancouver power play that tied it at 1. Sami Salo fired the puck toward the net from not too far inside the blue line. Ryan Johnson got in front of the puck and redirected it away from the net. Unfortunately, it hit a loitering Brian Campbell and was redirected again into the open net to Corey Crawford's right.



BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE

DO **Dave Bolland**, playing in his first game since suffering a concussion March 9, made his presence felt—in a good way—by assisting on Bickell's goal. He, along with Michael Frolik, clicked early and gave the Hawks a spark. "We're just playing like it's opening day out there," Bolland said. "It's go out there and play hard."

DIE Bolland made his presence felt—in a bad way—3:39 into the game. Bolly was given a penalty for elbowing Christian Ehrhoff, and the Canucks capitalized by scoring on their power play.

DO The Blackhawks stayed disciplined on their second penalty kill, keeping their defensive box in tact. Although the Canucks controlled the puck and kept it in the Hawks' zone, it's only because the penalty-kill unit did not take any chances.

DIE The Canucks turned the tables on the Blackhawks early in the second period, killing off an opportunity for the Hawks to extend their lead to 2-1 when the Canucks were penalized for too many men on the ice.



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DO **Campbell**, perhaps making amends for his defensive position on the Canucks' first goal, scores at the 14:42 mark of the second, followed 17 seconds later by Duncan Keith. Then, Bolland scored with 5:15 left to play in the second, followed four minutes later by Michael Frolik's breakaway goal. In the final period, the Hawks continued to pour it on with two power-play goals by Patrick Sharp. At this point, Hawks fans were asking themselves, "why couldn't they do this in games 1, 2 and 3?"

DIE There is no die in these Blackhawks, at least not yet. On to Vancouver.

HEY, BEARDMAN

DAY 8

RedEye and the Blackhawks are having a playoff beardoff again this year, featuring Hawks Nick Leddy and Ryan Johnson and RedEye's Elliott Serrano and Scott Bolohan. Whose beard is best?

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1. Johnson



2. Leddy



3. Bolohan



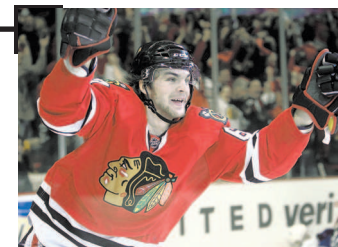
4. Serrano

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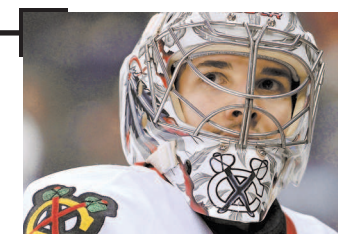
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WHAT'S THE TALK OF HAWKEYETOWN TODAY?



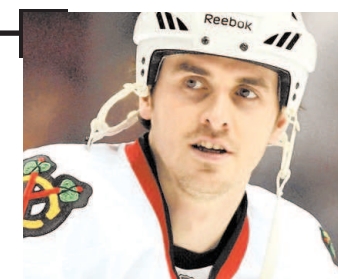
They're alive!

Hawks live to play another day.



Crawford snubbed

Goalie not among Calder finalists.



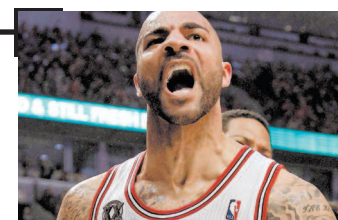
Welcome back

Dave Bolland returns to the ice.



Seabrook sits

Hit on D-man takes its toll.



Booze(r) at the game

Bulls star attends his first Hawks game.

five on five

Indy forecast

These Pacers just don't give up. And when it comes to joining our panel, neither should you. redeychicago.com/sports



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1 How will the Bulls be greeted in Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis?	As liberators.	About as warmly as we greeted that snow Monday morning.	The where?	With juice, rage and PED tests. Sorry, I thought you said Canseco Fieldhouse!	A "see" of red. Get it? Get it? Anyway ... watch out, Pacers, we're right next door.
2 What has gotten into the Pacers in the playoffs?	They're afraid Larry Bird will kill them with his eyes if they mess up.	I don't know, maybe they walked past a mirror?	Probably PEDs.	Ethanol in their pacemakers. After all, it's a fuel made from corn.	A can of mean! They're playing a little dirty in hopes to stop us. But good will always prevail! Go Bulls!
3 After four straight playoff games in Chicago, how are you feeling?	I need a break from playoff-caliber teams. The good news is, there's always baseball.	You mean other than hung over, right? Um ... crestfallen? That's a word, right?	Itchy.	Bullish most of the time, like a Canucklehead the rest.	I don't know how many more nail-biters I can take! I feel like I have a constant adrenaline rush.
4 What are the White Sox going to do with Jake Peavy?	Mommy and Daddy had to send him to a farm, where he'll have a loving family and room to run around.	Can we sell him on Craigslist? "One-armed Cy Young Award winner available"	I believe having him throw towels for the next 18 months is the accepted protocol.	Don't get peeved. Expecting him to shoulder any pitching load is unrealistic.	Put him in timeout until he can prove himself again.
5 More instant replay in baseball would mean eight-hour games. Which would be nice, because the cost of going is about a full day's pay anyway.	... more time to drink beer and high-five. God, this sounds like Stone Cold Steve Austin wrote it.	... being able to say "I told you so" to Joe West. Glorious.	... looking at this question repeatedly from different angles to find the right answer.	... longer games! Better if you're present and able to enjoy festivities. Not so much if you're watching on TV.

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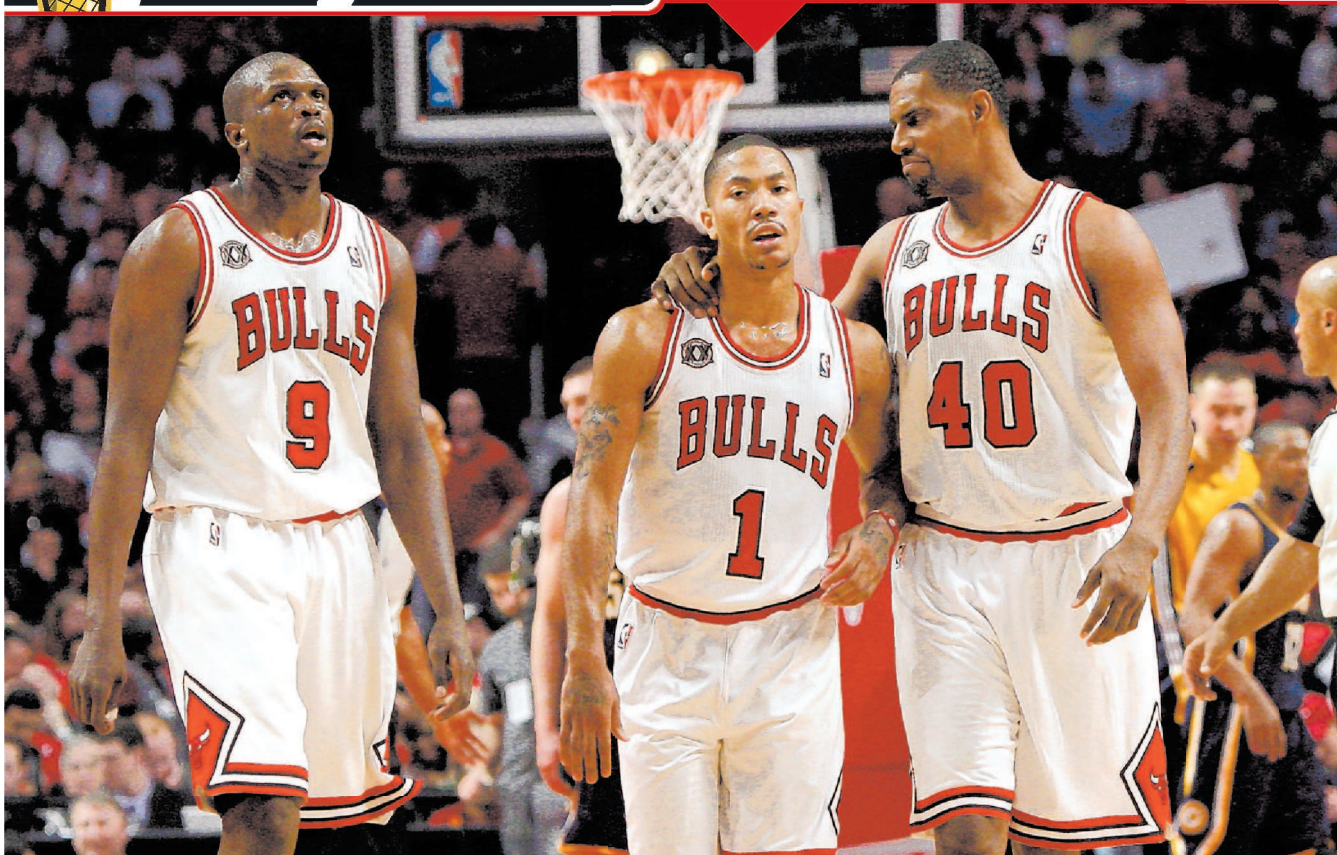
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playoffs

Bulls Luol Deng (from left), Derrick Rose and Kurt Thomas head back to the bench for a timeout during their game Monday against Indiana. NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE



No solitary Rose

Chicago Tribune

Derrick Rose has traveled to the free-throw line 34 times through the first two games of the Bulls' Eastern Conference quarterfinal series against the Pacers, drawing questions about the pain from all the punishment he has absorbed.

A better question might be how his back feels after he has carried the Bulls offensively down the stretch of two straight playoff victories.

Rose is averaging 37.5 points thus far, more than doubling runner-up Luol Deng's scoring average of 16 ppg. Nevertheless, the Bulls point to their 2-0 lead and a 100 points-per-game average as signs the offensive formula is fine, even if 41.2 percent shooting and an average of 18.5 turnovers are troubling signs.

"Derrick's playing at a very high level," coach Tom Thibodeau said. "But when you look at who's scoring, Carlos [Boozer] is scoring. Luol is scoring. We're scoring fine. Our defense has to get better."

Rose agreed, although he alluded to the offense not running smoothly.

"All of us are surprised," he said. "We don't know what's going on. I think it's defense. Defense usually gets us going, gets us fast-break points. It just hasn't been there."

There have been timely offensive contributions from others. Deng scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half of Game 1. Boozer posted a monster double-double of 17 points and 16 rebounds in Game 2. Kyle Korver has hit clutch 3-pointers down the stretch of both games off plays by Rose.

In fact, though Rose didn't get the assist, Korver's 3-pointer with 64 seconds left to push the Bulls' lead to five points in Game 2 provided a textbook example of offensive balance. Rose recognized a hard trap right after he crossed half-court and found Joakim Noah in the high post. Noah turned and fed a wide-open Korver.

"Perfect," Rose said.

Rose committed six second-half turnovers in Game 2 and expects to see more aggressive trapping early in Game 3. Often, this featured a longer-armed defender like Paul George on him.

"Delivering the ball, I have to be way sharper," Rose said. "The bigs have to be in the right spot. They were hitting and coming to double-team me randomly. It wasn't a coach call or anything. They were just coming out. It surprised us. If anything, they're going to hit more often and be aggressive at home. We'll be prepared for it."

Tattoo who?

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BULLS-INDIANA SCHEDULE

» **Game 3:**
Bulls at Indiana
6 p.m. Thursday, CSN

» **Game 4:**
Bulls at Indiana
1:30 p.m. Saturday, TNT

» **Game 5:**
Bulls vs. Indiana
TBD April 26, CSN

» **Game 6:**
Bulls at Indiana
TBD April 28, CSN

» **Game 7:**
Bulls vs. Indiana
TBD April 30, TNT

FULL O'BULL

A ROUNDUP OF PLAYOFF NEWS AND NOTES

HOT DEBATE

The South Florida Sun-Sentinel has decreed that the Miami Heat should be considered the best team in the East after just two playoff games. Miami homer David Hyde cites the Bulls' struggles against the Pacers and the Heat's crushing of Philadelphia. Yeah, sure Dave, don't even take into account the previous 82 games—or Miami's record against winning teams.

OUTTA MY WAY!

Pacers guard Darren Collison is day-to-day after spraining his ankle stepping on a court-side cameraman Monday. Derrick Rose said he feels sorry for people sitting courtside when he is charging toward them. "I feel bad for a camera guy if I'm running his way. There's no way I can stop." Dennis Rodman, on the other hand, famously kicked a court-side cameraman on purpose in 1997 after he tripped over him. Watch out below.



THE DIGIT

3

Points Ronnie Brewer (left) is averaging in the playoffs. He averaged 6.2 in the regular season. **CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE PHOTO**

QUOTABULL

“Love it. The crowd, I know it's going to be unbelievable. It seems like you against the world. The best thing is go in there and play your best.”

—**Derrick Rose** on playing in Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

NBA SCOREBOARD

» Boston 96, N.Y. Knicks 93
» Orlando 88, Atlanta 82
» Dallas vs. Portland, late

PITCH FEST

A look at baseball from both sides of town.

Should MLB expand instant replay?



south side

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In 2008, baseball introduced instant replay to ensure the accuracy of home run calls. Loathed by purists who believe errors in judgment are as much a part of baseball as peanuts and Cracker Jack, replay is loved by perfectionists who believe accuracy trumps all.

As replay may be expanded for rulings on trapped and fair/foul ball calls, the debate intensifies. Fair and foul are actually the perfect adjectives describing this conundrum. I say it's fair to expect the right calls when historical achievements such as perfect games are on the line, yet it's foul to expect perfection on balls and strikes.

In "MLB 2011: The Show," umpire consistency is a configuration setting. If life were only that easy.

Short of turning MLB into "Tron," how do you balance purity with perfection? Implementing a modified version of the NFL's challenge flag system might work. On second thought, I enjoy having angst over watching blown calls repeatedly from 100 different angles. Hit the reset button! I appeal to third.

What's the call, Julie?

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north side

JULIE DICARO

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There's nothing more glorious than watching an umpire blow a big call in favor of your team in a big game. Then again, there's nothing more enraging than watching an umpire blow a big call against your team in any game.

I'm all for expanding instant replay. I know I'm supposed to start screaming about the purity of the game in the face of the possibility of increased instant replay, but I hardly think blown calls by out-of-shape, out-of-position umpires are doing a lot for baseball's integrity. In fact, doesn't the "integrity of the game" demand baseball get the calls right?

Even if baseball were to extend instant replay all the way to balls and strikes, it never could be used the way purists fear, as there simply isn't enough time in a game. Fans already grumble about three-hour games; how will they feel about five-hour games with every other call challenged? For that reason alone, instant replay will have a minimal effect on the game—other than improving its accuracy.

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TUESDAY'S RESULTS

- » Cubs vs. San Diego, postponed
- » Tampa Bay 2, White Sox 1

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

- » Cubs vs. San Diego, 1:20 p.m. CSN, 6:05 p.m.
- » White Sox at Tampa Bay, 5:40 p.m. CSN

SPORTS BRIEFS

» Northwestern junior forward John Shurna has declared for the NBA draft but hasn't hired an agent and still could return to school if he withdraws his name by May 8.

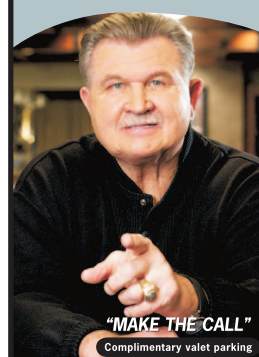
» The Bears open the season at Soldier Field on Sept. 11 against Atlanta in a matchup of division champions from last season. The Bears play at Detroit on Oct. 10 on ESPN's "Monday Night Football." Full schedule at redyechicago.com/sports.

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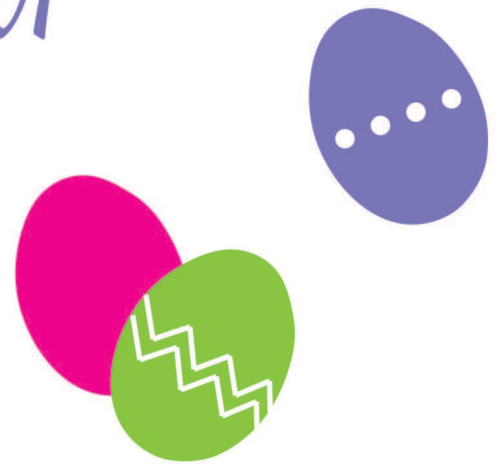
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By Matt Pais

Maybe you're just coming to our free Rock 'n' Vote show (May 4 at Hard Rock Cafe) because one lucky concertgoer will win a trip to London. If that's the case, you're probably not one of the many, many voters who narrowed our 10 finalists to the four bands that will play our show.

Before you listen to each band at metromix.com, read on to find out which local acts you selected for the concert—headlined by Rock 'n' Vote 2009 winners/Atlantic Records artist I Fight Dragons—where your text votes will determine the ultimate 2011 winner. We'll see you there, right?

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Yeah Dude

"You guys came out of nowhere," tweeted some new fans to Yeah Dude after the rockers, who before Rock 'n' Vote had no music available online, were chosen as one of our 10 finalists. Now, the quartet's outpouring of support means it will play its first live show at Rock 'n' Vote, where singer/guitarist Kevin Farris of Arlington Heights, 24, says the band will simply try "to have the most fun that we possibly can." By the way, dude, good work recruiting the family: Farris (whose brother Bryan is the band's drummer) says his dad sent an email blast to his whole company asking for Yeah Dude votes. Thanks, Pops!

The Congregation

This is almost getting ridiculous. First, eight-piece soul act The Congregation won a talent search at Underground Wonder Bar. Then they won a Battle of the Bands at Reggie's that scored them a slot at SXSW. Now the band, led by Gina Bloom, 28, of Lincoln Park, landed in the Rock 'n' Vote top four thanks to a straightforward barrage of online requests for support. "We've never lost any kind of competition before," Bloom said, "so if we hadn't won we would have been disappointed." She adds that other bands should maybe be "a little scared," and "when it's a competition situation, we are generally pretty fierce." In other words: It. Is. On.

Goodbye Coastline

How does it feel to make the Rock 'n' Vote top four? "Kick-ass!" Goodbye Coastline singer Jerry Bachner says. The frontman says the Lincoln Park-based band, which participated in another online contest just three months ago, did annoy some of its fans by asking for more support—which has been coming in droves as an increasing number of fans sing along with the group's songs at shows. And, hey, if you don't go for Goodbye Coastline's catchy brand of pop-punk, Bachner's not offended ("You win some and you lose some," he says), and it certainly won't get in the way of their good time onstage: "We're just going to bring a party."

Matlock

Last week, a friend called Rolling Meadows rapper Matlock to say the Rock 'n' Vote finalist was behind in the voting and needed to shoot a video. Though he was sick in bed eating chicken soup at the time, Matlock "blew my nose for the last time, sucked it up and went and shot." The result: More than 16,000 YouTube views for the video—in which Matlock appeals to voters for their support—and a slot on the Rock 'n' Vote stage. Why should you come see him? "Cause I have the best Chicago hip-hop album ['2707'] of the year," says Matlock, 31. Would you expect a rapper to have any less confidence in his work?



DINING EVENTS

Easter Sunday meals

If you've been putting off finalizing your plans for Easter brunch or dinner, you're in luck. As of press time, reservations were still available at these spots. Pick up the phone to snag one while you can!

BENNY'S CHOP HOUSE

11 a.m.: Celebrate with brunch specials (served until 3 p.m.) such as eggs Benedict with lobster or beef (\$14.99), a Mediterranean-style frittata (\$14.99), strawberry-and banana-stuffed brioche (\$14.99), and rosemary-crust lamb leg (\$33.99); 444 N. Wabash Ave. 312-626-2444.

THE BRISTOL

10 a.m.: A two-course meal features pastries for the table, an entree, and coffee or tea. Entree choices include bread pudding French toast with maple-bourbon cream and braised pork chilaquiles; \$23; 2152 N. Damen Ave. 773-862-5555.

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11 a.m.: Brunch specials include \$12 arepa eggs Benedict and \$10 French toast with plantains and bacon; prices vary; 702 W. Fulton St. 312-850-5005.

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10 a.m.: A three-course brunch features selections such as lump crab cake and stuffed leg of lamb. Includes a digital photo of your group; \$49.95; 300 N. La Salle St. 312-329-1800.

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11 a.m.: Chef Lee Ann Whippen prepares a brunch menu featuring kobe brisket hash (\$7.75) and smoked chicken eggs Benedict (\$9.25). Other specials

include a pulled lamb sandwich during lunch (\$11.75) and a pulled lamb entree for dinner (\$19.75); prices vary; 1160 N. Dearborn St. 312-642-1160.

DELEECE

9 a.m.: Specials include breakfast lamb pot pie and crab-cornbread griddle cake Benedict with asparagus and roasted red pepper hollandaise; prices vary; 4004 N. Southport Ave. 773-325-1710.

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10:30 a.m.: A four-course brunch with beer pairings includes a fruit parfait with Two Brothers Monarch wit, rabbit crepes paired with Three Floyds Rabbid Rabbit farmhouse ale, pork

belly and cheddar grits with Stone smoked porter and a deep-fried Belgian waffle with Founders Canadian breakfast stout; \$45; \$30 without pairings; 1970 W. Montrose Ave. 773-697-8204

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10 a.m.: A three-course brunch also includes carving and dessert stations; \$35; 638 South Michigan Ave. 312-765-0524.

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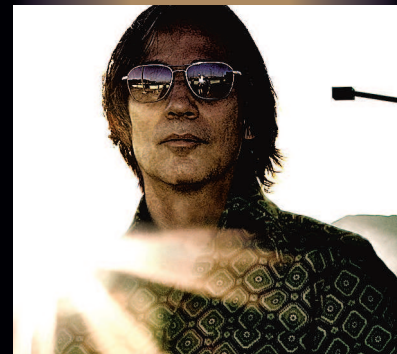


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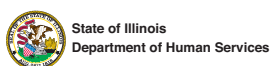
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DISGUSTING

What's that? You say I'm supposed to detach this creature from its shell, then slurp my dinner? Though I'm admittedly one of the pickiest eaters you

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More than 95 ensembles from eight countries and 32 cities will be at 15 venues around town next week for the Chicago Improv Festival. With shows, workshops, after-parties and a free, interactive digital improv installation all in the works, the fest kicks off its 14th year with a lot of teenage silliness and very little angst.

So, how do you choose from the overwhelming array of talent? There's not a loser in the bunch, but these 10 troupes offer a wide variety of approaches—and they all know how to make a scene (so to speak).

JULIA BORCHERTS IS A METROMIX SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.
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Read more about **The Digital Improv Project**, a first-of-its-kind interactive installation pairing a computer with a human to play improv games, at chicago.metromix.com/cif.

ImproTop

From: Mexico City

This ensemble returns with two shows: "Improbroadway," an improvised musical; and "Improptel," a pre-Hispanic improvised folk tale.

When/Where: April 27 at ComedySportz, 929 W. Belmont Ave.; April 28-29 at iO, 3541 N. Clark St.



Comedy Queue

From: Chicago

The cast performs its signature form, "Video Cameo," which blends YouTube videos with fast-paced improv. Got a YouTube suggestion? Tweet it to @comedyqueue before the show and see what it inspires.

When/Where: April 30 at The Playground, 3209 N. Halsted St.

Twinprov

From: Oklahoma City

Real-life twin brothers Buck and Clint Vrazel entertain with "Rap-sody," in which an audience suggestion fuels an original series of alternating scenes and hip-hop songs.

When/Where: April 30 at Donny's Skybox Stage, 1618 N. Wells St.

Improvisation & Co.

From: Stockholm

The group trots out three shows on different nights. **When/Where:** April 27 at ComedySportz; April 30 at The Second City De Maat Theatre and Donny's Skybox Stage, 1618 N. Wells St.

Skinesthesia

From: Baltimore

Sure, we've all seen body painting in the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue. But Skinesthesia ups the ante with onstage painting of "puppet characters" on their arms, legs and other body parts.

When/Where: April 30 at the Athenaeum Theatre

Improvised Jane Austen

From: Chicago

The 10-woman cast creates a comedic romance based on characters and plots from the 19th-century author's works.

When/Where: April 30 at The Playground

Die Gorillas

From: Berlin

The group's debut at last year's CIF was canceled due to the volcanic eruption in Iceland.

When/Where: April 27 at ComedySportz; April 28 at iO; April 30 at the Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave.

1, 2, 3 ... Fag!

From: Chicago

This young, gay team headlined at iO for 18 months with a fast-paced show that incorporates multiple roles within scenes, unexpected character switch-ups and surprise finales.

When/Where: May 1 at ComedySportz

On the Spot

From: Honolulu

The actors bring two shows to CIF: "Hush," a silent film-style piece a la Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton, and "Tell Tale Dreadful," a cabaret set during the Jack the Ripper murders.

When/Where: April 29-30 at Donny's Skybox Stage

Jessica

From: Chicago

The four-person team has gained popularity by pushing boundaries with alternative forms, physical comedy and intriguing, well-developed characters.

When/Where: May 1 at ComedySportz

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- Rio 3D (G)** 11:15, 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
- Your Highness (R)** 11:45, 2:25, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
- Soul Surfer (PG)** 11:35, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05
- Hanna (PG-13)** 10:55, 1:30, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55
- Arthur (PG-13)** 11:20, 1:55, 4:25, 7:15, 9:40
- Hop (PG)** 10:25, 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15
- Source Code (PG-13)** 10:40, 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20
- The Lincoln Lawyer (R)** 10:30, 1:15, 4:00, 7:05, 9:50

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

2828 North Clark St., Chicago
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- In a Better World (R)** 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15
- Jane Eyre (PG-13)** 1:50, 4:35, 7:20
- The Conspirator (PG-13)** 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
- Potiche (R)** 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
- Certified Copy (NR)** 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
- Miral (PG-13)** 2:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:05
- Win Win (R)** 1:30, 4:00, 9:50

CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)

2600 N. Western Ave.
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- Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (PG-13)**
- Fast Five (PG-13)** Advance Tickets Available
- Thor (PG-13)** Advance Tickets Available
- The Grateful Dead Movie Event (NR)** 7:30
- Rio 3D (G)** 11:45, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 6:00, 7:30, 8:45, 10:10
- Rio (G)** 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15
- Scream 4 (R)** 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
- Scream 4 (R)** 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 11:00
- Hanna (PG-13)** 4:35, 10:00
- Hanna (PG-13)** (Open captioned) 1:45, 7:15
- Arthur (PG-13)** 12:45, 3:30, 6:15, 9:00
- Your Highness (R)** 1:20, 4:25, 7:40, 10:20, 10:55
- Soul Surfer (PG)** 12:10, 3:10, 6:10, 9:10
- No Eres Tú, Soy Yo (PG-13)** 1:55, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50
- Insidious (PG-13)** 2:05, 5:05, 8:00, 10:40
- Source Code (PG-13)** 12:20, 3:00, 5:45, 8:30, 10:50
- Hop (PG)** 11:30, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG)** 1:10, 4:00

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

- Rio (G)** 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
- Scream 4 (R)** 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
- Arthur (PG-13)** 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
- Hop (PG)** 12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 7:00, 9:10

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

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- Rio (G)** 11:35, 2:05, 4:35, 7:15, 9:45
- Scream 4 (R)** 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:40, 4:00, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40
- Rio 3D (G)** 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35
- Your Highness (R)** 11:20, 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
- Hanna (PG-13)** 11:05, 1:45, 4:40, 7:10, 10:00
- No Eres Tú, Soy Yo (PG-13)** 10:45, 1:35, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
- Soul Surfer (PG)** 11:45, 2:15, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
- Arthur (PG-13)** 11:55, 2:20, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25
- Source Code (PG-13)** 11:25, 1:40, 4:05, 6:40, 9:05
- Hop (PG)** 10:50, 1:10, 3:40, 6:30, 9:00
- Insidious (PG-13)** 11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG)** 11:15, 1:55, 4:25, 7:05, 9:35
- Limitless (PG-13)** 11:40, 2:15, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20

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- The Illusionist (PG)** 6:15, 8:00
- Zahara (NR)** 8:00 P.M.
- The Elephant in the Living Room (PG)** 6:00 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
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- Paul (R)** 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:00
- Cedar Rapids (R)** 1:40, 3:50, 5:45, 7:30, 9:50
- Biutiful (R)** 9:40 P.M.
- Rango (PG)** 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40
- The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13)** 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:20

MUSIC BOX

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- Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives (NR)** 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- Super (NR)** 5:15, 9:45
- Death Wish 3 (R)** 7:30 P.M.
- Freaked (PG-13)** 9:45 P.M.

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

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- AMC Independent **Winter in Wartime (R)** 2:30, 4:50, 7:30
- AMC Independent **Of Gods and Men (PG-13)** 2:30, 5:15, 7:55
- AMC Independent **Cedar Rapids (R)** 3:00, 5:00, 7:10
- AMC Independent **Black Swan (R)** 2:45, 5:25, 8:00

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
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- The Grateful Dead Movie Event (NR)** 7:30 P.M.
- Rio (G)** 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45
- Scream 4 (R)** 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
- Scream 4 (R)** 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45
- AMC Independent **The Conspirator (PG-13)** 11:05, 2:05, 5:00, 7:50, 10:50
- Rio 3D (G)** 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
- AMC Independent **Trust (R)** 11:25 A.M.
- AMC Independent **Atlas Shrugged: Part 1 (PG-13)** 11:45, 2:20, 5:25, 8:30, 11:00
- Your Highness (R)** 11:00, 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20
- Soul Surfer (PG)** 11:55, 2:40, 5:25, 8:20
- Hanna (PG-13)** 11:10, 2:00, 4:55, 7:30, 10:20
- Arthur (PG-13)** 11:10, 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15
- Hop (PG)** 11:50, 2:20, 4:55, 7:15, 9:50
- Source Code (PG-13)** 11:40, 2:05, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35
- Insidious (PG-13)** 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:40, 10:25
- The King's Speech (PG-13)** 7:10, 10:10
- Sucker Punch (PG-13)** 5:05, 7:50, 10:40
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG)** 11:25, 1:55, 4:30
- AMC Independent **Potiche (R)** 11:30, 2:15, 4:50, 7:35, 10:10
- Limitless (PG-13)** 11:40 P.M.
- Limitless (PG-13)** 11:55, 2:35
- The Lincoln Lawyer (R)** 11:15, 2:15, 5:05, 8:05, 10:55
- AMC Independent **Win Win (R)** 11:20, 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05
- Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13)** 2:10 P.M.
- Rango (PG)** 11:00 A.M.
- AMC Independent **Jane Eyre (PG-13)** 11:35, 2:40, 5:30, 8:25
- The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13)** 1:35, 4:10, 6:55

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)

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- Rio (G)** 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
- Scream 4 (R)** 10:20, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:30
- Scream 4 (R)** 11:20, 2:20, 5:20, 8:20, 11:10
- AMC Independent **The Conspirator (PG-13)** 10:35, 1:30, 4:35, 7:45, 10:45
- Rio 3D (G)** 10:00, 12:40, 3:20, 6:00, 8:40, 11:15
- Your Highness (R)** 11:35, 2:15, 5:10, 8:00, 10:50
- Hanna (PG-13)** 10:55, 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35
- No Eres Tú, Soy Yo (PG-13)** 8:15, 10:55
- Born to Be Wild 3D (G)** 10:05, 11:30, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30
- Soul Surfer (PG)** 10:50, 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 10:10
- Arthur (PG-13)** 10:25, 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05
- Hop (PG)** 11:25, 12:25, 2:10, 3:10, 4:50, 5:50, 7:30, 10:15
- Source Code (PG-13)** 11:50, 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:25
- Insidious (PG-13)** 10:30, 1:10, 4:05, 6:50, 9:40
- Sucker Punch: The IMAX Experience (PG-13)** 7:00, 10:00
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG)** 10:10, 12:45, 3:25, 6:10
- Limitless (PG-13)** 10:15, 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20
- The Lincoln Lawyer (R)** 10:00, 12:55, 3:55, 7:05, 10:20
- AMC Independent **Win Win (R)** 11:55, 2:50, 5:40, 8:30, 11:00
- Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13)** 9:00 P.M.

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
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- Fast Five (PG-13)** Advance Tickets Available
- Thor (PG-13)** Advance Tickets Available
- Rio 3D (G)** 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
- Scream 4 (R)** 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- Rio (G)** 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
- Atlas Shrugged: Part 1 (PG-13)** 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:50
- Your Highness (R)** 1:00, 6:40
- Hanna (PG-13)** 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
- Your Highness (R)** 3:00, 10:30
- Arthur (PG-13)** 2:00, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
- The Lincoln Lawyer (R)** 3:40, 9:10
- Limitless (PG-13)** 1:20, 6:20
- The Grateful Dead Movie Event (NR)** 7:30

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
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- Rio (G)** 11:35, 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40
- Scream 4 (R)** 10:15, 11:20, 12:50, 2:00, 3:40, 4:40, 6:15, 7:20, 9:00, 10:00
- Rio 3D (G)** 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:25, 10:50
- Your Highness (R)** 10:05, 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20
- Hanna (PG-13)** 11:55, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35
- No Eres Tú, Soy Yo (PG-13)** 11:25, 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25
- Soul Surfer (PG)** 11:40, 2:25, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
- Arthur (PG-13)** 11:50, 2:35, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
- Source Code (PG-13)** 10:40, 1:05, 3:20, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
- Hop (PG)** 10:00, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
- Insidious (PG-13)** 10:20, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:20, 10:45
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG)** 11:10, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:10
- Limitless (PG-13)** 11:00, 1:35, 4:20, 6:55, 9:30

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

4779 W. Cermak., Cicero
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- Rio (G)** 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20
- Rio (G)** 12:50, 3:25, 6:00, 8:35
- Scream 4 (R)** 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 8:00, 10:45
- Rio 3D (G)** 12:00, 2:40, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05
- Scream 4 (R)** 1:20, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
- Your Highness (R)** 12:55, 3:30, 6:05, 8:30
- Hanna (PG-13)** 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
- Soul Surfer (PG)** 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
- No Eres Tú, Soy Yo (PG-13)** 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
- Arthur (PG-13)** 12:05, 2:45, 5:15, 7:55, 10:40
- Hop (PG)** 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:35, 9:50
- Source Code (PG-13)** 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:15
- Insidious (PG-13)** 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25
- Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13)** 9:30 P.M.
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG)** 1:30, 4:20, 7:05

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

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- The Grateful Dead Movie (PG)** 7:30 P.M.
- Rio 3D (G)** 12:45, 1:40, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 6:20, 7:50, 9:45
- Atlas Shrugged: Part 1 (PG-13)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
- The Conspirator (PG-13)** 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- Scream 4 (R)** 12:50, 2:15, 3:20, 5:00, 6:00, 6:40, 7:45, 8:45, 9:15, 10:30, 11:20
- Arthur (PG-13)** 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:50
- Hanna (PG-13)** 1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
- Soul Surfer (PG)** 1:15, 3:50
- Your Highness (R)** 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
- Hop (PG)** 2:00, 4:30, 6:50, 9:30
- Insidious (PG-13)** 1:10, 3:45, 6:15, 8:40, 11:10
- Source Code (PG-13)** 12:40, 3:30, 6:05, 8:30, 11:00
- Limitless (PG-13)** 1:50, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15
- The Lincoln Lawyer (R)** 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:40

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- Scream 4 (R)** 12:50, 3:20, 6:00, 8:45, 11:20

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- Hop (PG)** 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40
- Scream 4 (R)** 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- Jane Eyre (PG-13)** 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
- Source Code (PG-13)** 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
- Win Win (R)** 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50
- Rio 3D (G)** 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00
- Arthur (PG-13)** 1:45, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30

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- Atlas Shrugged: Part 1 (PG-13)** 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- In a Better World (R)** 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05
- Rio (G)** 11:30, 1:55, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
- Rio (G)** 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
- Scream 4 (R)** 11:45, 1:45, 2:15, 4:15, 5:00, 6:45, 7:30, 9:15, 10:05
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- The Conspirator (PG-13)** 11:10, 2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20
- The Grateful Dead Movie Event (NR)** 7:30 P.M.
- Arthur (PG-13)** 11:50, 2:25, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25
- Hanna (PG-13)** 11:15, 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 10:00
- Hop (PG)** 11:35, 2:10, 4:30, 6:55, 9:25
- Insidious (PG-13)** 11:40, 2:20, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
- Jane Eyre (PG-13)** 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:15
- Limitless (PG-13)** 11:25 A.M.
- Soul Surfer (PG)** 11:30, 2:15, 4:50, 7:35, 10:10
- Source Code (PG-13)** 11:55, 2:35, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
- The Lincoln Lawyer (R)** 2:05 P.M.
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Singer and guitarist Ezra Furman of youthful indie-pop quartet Ezra Furman and the Harpoons wrote much of the band's excellent new album, "Mysterious Power," while stowed away in various bedrooms.

"That's where you start and end most days," said the 24-year-old Evanston native, who makes his home in Ravenswood. "It's your place of vantage to look at the world and look at your life."

What emerges isn't always a pretty picture. The record, which swings between heart-tugging acoustic ballads and Pixies-worthy blasts of guitar noise, finds Furman struggling with a bleak job market ("Hard Time in a Terrible Land") and young love giving way to adult bitterness ("Too Strung Out"). Reached on tour in Boston—the birthplace of the Harpoons (three of the four members met in 2006 at Tufts University)—the singer discussed his favorite love song, why he's no connoisseur of the Chicago nightlife and the reason it's sometimes best to turn down a free slice of pizza.



EZRA FURMAN PERSONALITY TEST

**What's the last
album you bought?**

"Swordfishtrombones" by Tom Waits. "It's blowing my mind."

**Song you've listened to
on repeat recently?**

"The Back Seat of My Car" by Paul McCartney. "I cannot stop with that song."

**Song you never
want to hear again?**

"Old Time Rock and Roll" by Bob Seger

Best concert you've seen in the last year?

Titus Andronicus opening for the Pogues at Congress Theater. "The Pogues are great, too, but Titus Andronicus killed me. I was right in the thick of the mosh pit up front and I came out a different man than when I went in."

FAST FORWARD

THIS WEEK'S TOP 5 LIVE SHOWS

1. Arcade Fire, The National

7:30 p.m. Fri., Sun., Mon. at UIC Pavilion
Heavy emotion.

2. Chris Cornell

8 p.m. Fri. at Vic Theatre
Stay away from "Billie Jean."

3. Erykah Badu

8 p.m. Fri. at the Venue
That voice is still a stirrer.

4. Joan As Police Woman

8 p.m. Sun. at Schubas
Excellent challenging.

5. Budos Band

9 p.m. Thu. at Subterranean
What a party.

With name like the Harpoons, I'm curious if you've ever been hunting.

I don't hunt. The Harpoons came up because I was really into Moby Dick. The whole idea behind the band was I wanted that grand adventure.

Did you ever get it?

The adventure quotient in my life went sharply up when we formed this band. We weren't exactly ready early on, but we went out anyway. We started a big tour just a few months after we formed.

Is there one crazy story that stands out as the high point of the tale so far?

There's just so much life experience packed into these days of traveling. You could get dosed with acid by some hippies who give you a slice of their pizza.

Did that actually happen?

Not to me, but to the rest of the band. I don't know why, but I didn't take the pizza. It seemed like the box had just been opened, but then the hallucinations set in and everyone became kind of withdrawn and spacey. The Harpoons are a wild bunch.

On "I Killed Myself," you mention going out and socializing more. Where do you like to go out when you're in Chicago?

Well, I'll usually end up at Ravenswood places. There's a 4 a.m. bar called the Oakwood. It's the closest place to my house and I've been there late at night. I like playing shuffleboard at the Bad Apple. I go wherever things seem to be happening, but I'm not a connoisseur of the nightlife. I stay in a lot. That's probably where that lyric came from. But I try sometimes.

There are a lot of references to romance on this album—both positive and negative. On "Too Strung Out," you sneer about not wanting a girlfriend,

but a couple of songs later, that uninterest fades with "Wild Feeling."

People feel differently at different times, and there's no reason to exclude any of it from the record. I certainly have my wild ups and downs. And while it's romantic to put into song, it can be a bit troublesome to live through.

Do you have a favorite love song?

I don't know if you ever heard of Paul Baribeau, but he's got a song called "Strawberry," which is one of the finest love songs I've ever heard. He's maybe the best songwriter in America and nobody knows who he is. Spreading the gospel of Paul Baribeau is my big, evangelical project.

Do you have a favorite breakup song as well?

The one that immediately came to mind was "I Know It's Over" by the Smiths, though I could leave it to almost any Smiths song.

How many people are going to look at the track listing and think "Teenage Wasteland" is a Who cover?

I hope they do and they're bitterly disappointed. Maybe we'll get some extra YouTube hits or something.

People always think "Baba O'Riley" is called "Teenage Wasteland."

Oh, I know. I knew I wanted to steal a title for that one. I just like to make fun of the untouchable status of classic rock. I love "Baba O'Riley" and I love old songs, but it's like, "Screw 'em." They're not the standards for me.

What do you consider the standards then?

I got no standards. Can't you tell? Can't you tell?!

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New band you don't know personally that deserves to be big?

Paul Baribeau. "He's not a band, though. He's just one guy."

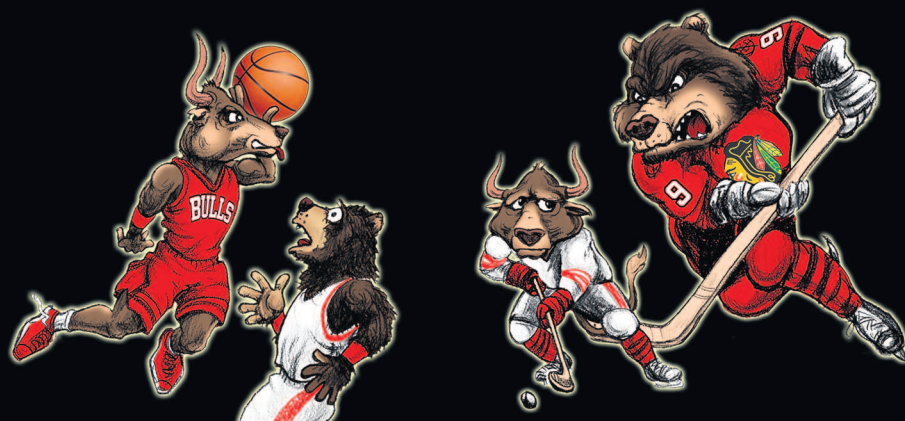
Favorite movie ever?

"Ferris Bueller's Day Off."
"It hurts to choose these things, but it's my old standby. Why fight it?"

Chicago's best music venue?

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ANGEL OLSEN, SHENANDOAH DAVIS
9:30 p.m. Free. The Whistler, 2421 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-3530.

BIG TIME
9 p.m. \$5. Quenchers Saloon, 2401 N. Western Ave. 773-276-9730.

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8 p.m. \$5 donation. Uncommon Ground, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

BIFFY CLYRO, THE REVOLUTION ONE, THE NOISE FM
8:30 p.m. \$12-\$15. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 847-635-6601.

BLACK MILK, GLC, ILL AMBITION
8 p.m. \$15. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

CADILLAC DAVE AND MIKE WHEELER
7:30 p.m. Free. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2007.

CROCODILES, THE FRESH AND ONLYS, YOUNG PRISMS
8 p.m. \$12. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.

DJ LOGIC, WILLIE WALDMAN PROJECT, RMJOINT
9 p.m. \$8-\$12. The Kinetic Playground, 1113 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-769-5483.

DOWN DIVERSEY, TINY MILES AND THE BIG KIDS
8 p.m. \$7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

JACK STRAW
8 p.m. \$7. Cubby Bear, 1059 W. Addison St. 773-327-1662.

LYNNE JORDAN
9 p.m. \$5. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2007.

MARQUEAL JORDAN QUINTET
8 and 10 p.m. \$5-\$10. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court. 312-360-0234.

MY SILENCE, THE GREEN PASTURE HAPPINESS WITH FRANK ROSALY
9:30 p.m. \$7. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

NINA FERRARO, EXIT GHOST, LAKESIGNS, HENRY MOSHER
8:30 p.m. \$8-\$10. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

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9:30 p.m. \$8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

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SPECTRUM, PANDA RIOT
9 p.m. \$12. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

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8:30 p.m. \$8. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

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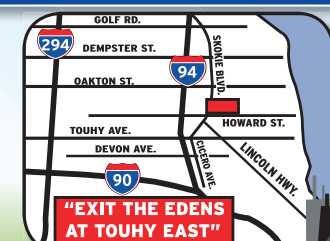
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IMMORTAL 'KOMBAT'

Finished? Not so fast. Chicago gaming studio brings 'Mortal Kombat' back from the brink of fatality

By Ryan Smith

FOR REDEYE

Sub Zero thrusts his hand into the midsection of his opponent during close combat. As the camera zooms in and switches to an X-Ray-like view of the action, the blue-garbed ninja grabs Scorpion's liver, freezes it solid and then shatters the organ into icy pieces.

It's a horrifying sight that makes Ed Boon smile. As co-creator of "Mortal Kombat," the gory video game series that first put violent games on the map in the early '90s, Boon has witnessed countless cartoonish onscreen atrocities.

"I'm so overexposed to it, I guess I'm desensitized at this point," he said.

Boon has plenty of reasons to grin these days. "Mortal Kombat," released Tuesday for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3, represents a rebirth not only for the series itself, but for a Chicago-based development team that endured a bloody knockdown in the form of layoffs, bankruptcy and a change in publishers. Despite the setbacks, the team got up off the mat to deliver the long-awaited remake of its old arcade smash.

"Considering the tornado we went through, there's part of me that says, 'I can't believe we pulled this off,'" Boon said.

"Mortal Kombat" was created in 1992 at

Midway Games, a company based in Avondale that was famous for popular quarter-munchers such as "Joust" and "Gauntlet." At a time when arcades still were a popular destination and the one-on-one fighting genre was taking off, "Kombat's" realistic graphics and explicit executions made the game an instant attraction.

It also became a lightning rod culturally, as politicians and concerned parents groups spoke out against the game's gore. The U.S. Senate conducted hearings on game violence in 1993, and soon a video game industry ratings system was born.

The rebellious bad-boy image of "Mortal Kombat" only seemed to expand the game's popularity—especially for angsty teen males.

"It was a huge deal for me," said Hector Sanchez, 32, of Humboldt Park, now employed as one of the game's producers. "Kids would cut school early and line up at arcades when they heard there was a new version of it that had come out. I distinctly remember getting in trouble for leaving school to play."

Multiple arcade sequels followed, as did two full-length feature movies, a TV series, comic books—even a live stage show tour.

"It was so silly and crazy to me," Boon said. "There's a character, Reptile, that I whipped together in my head while I was at the KFC

Scorpion





The 'Mortal Kombat' developers in their arcade at NetherRealm studios.
LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE

on Irving Park and California. I come back and put it in the game an hour later, and soon it becomes a character in a movie.”

In the early 2000s, the fighting game craze began to die—as did arcades themselves—and Midway began hemorrhaging money. In response, management demanded constant sequels from its cash cow, “Mortal Kombat”—a task that watered down the quality of the games and elicited yawns from gamers.

“They started to get a little goofy,” said Game Informer magazine editor Dan Ryckert. “They introduced ‘Friendship moves’ and these moves where you could turn people into animals and babies—it got too silly and got away from the game’s core appeal.”

Ultimately, the boatload of sequels, including the 2008 comic book crossover “Mortal Kombat Vs. D.C. Universe,” wasn’t enough to keep Midway afloat and the company filed for bankruptcy in early 2009. The company began to dismantle, and it looked like “Mortal Kombat” would become a fatality.

“There was a lot of uncertainty at the end of the Midway days,” producer Hans Lo said. “It was very nerve-wracking wondering what was going to happen with our jobs, but the management team tried to keep it off us as much as possible.”

Help came in the form of Warner Brothers Interactive Entertainment, which bought the “Mortal Kombat” license from the corpse of Midway in ’09 and rescued Boon’s develop-

ment team. The new venture was renamed NetherRealm Studios, and last year the team moved into a 40,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art office at 2650A Bradley Place near California Avenue and Addison Street.

Since then, the 125 employees at NetherRealm have been fine-tuning a “Mortal Kombat” game that feels ripped from the mid-’90s. The new game’s perspective is strictly two-dimensional and the characters, stages and fatalities are all imported from the series’ first three iconic games.

“The game’s fans and all of us really wanted a return to dark, gritty, mature-rated ‘Mortal Kombat,’ and so those were our marching orders for this one,” Boon said.

Despite the game’s tone, Boon doesn’t think the new entry will generate the same kind of controversy of the early “Mortal Kombat” games. “Our game paved the way for others as far as violence,” he said, “and now there are horror games and shooters out there that are arguably more graphic.”

That doesn’t mean, of course, that no one will blink an eye at “Mortal Kombat’s” gruesome antics.

“People are going to react because when you see someone get pulled apart, or see a character throwing up on someone’s leg—well, it’s pretty gross,” Boon said. “We’ll get shown on Fox News probably. If we’re lucky.”

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Sub-Zero

REVIEW

‘Mortal Kombat’ Xbox 360, PS3, rated M for Mature

!!!! The previous “Mortal Kombat” title —2008’s “Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe”—was an odd crossover with the comic book world that resulted in the taming of the over-the-top violence that the series was famous for. But Chicago-based NetherRealm Studios went back to the future for the ninth game in the series, reviving the old roster of characters and the dark, gory ways of the early “Mortal Kombat” games that thrilled the arcade scene of the early to mid-’90s.

The reboot draws heavily on the nostalgia

factor, but also adds greatly enhanced graphics, a variety of new modes and welcome tweaks to the combat system. And did I mention the gore? Be ready to flinch the first time you see fatalities where characters are ripped in half or thrown against an oncoming subway train. If you have a weak stomach or didn’t care for “Mortal Kombat” the first time, I doubt this version will change your mind. Fighting game fans, however, will rejoice at the return of this old-school brawler.

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 - 43 Alfalfa, for one
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 - 45 Arrange
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OMA? OMG!

KANYE IS THE ONLY NOMINEE IN ONE CATEGORY? YEAH, WE WANT TO SEE THIS MTV AWARDS SHOW

By Ariel Alexovich
REDEYE

Joke's on you if you thought that James Franco/Anne Hathaway-hosted Oscar ceremony was the end to an exhausting awards show season. Wrong! MTV's inaugural O Music Awards ("O" as in "open, ongoing and online") is set to hit an Internet connection near you April 27, and the network on Tuesday revealed a bunch of deets. Frankly, we're intrigued. Here are five good reasons the OMAs are worthy of your attention.

1 A-LIST PERFORMERS

MTV seems pretty serious about this show, something we weren't sure about at first since it's being broadcast live only via the Internet and mobile devices. But the network has lined up some pretty killer acts to perform, including Lupe Fiasco, Mumford & Sons, Chiddy Bang, Lil B and Matt and Kim.

2 TOP LINE EYE CANDY

B.o.B, Cee Lo Green, Wiz Khalifa, Theophilus London and Robyn also will be on hand, MTV reports. Oh, plus Ke\$ha, who falls more into the "rubberneck train wreck" than "eye candy" category.

3 GUARANTEED FLASH MOB

The truly crazy part about this show? No one knows where it'll be yet, other than somewhere in Las Vegas. Even more, organizers promise a crazy start with a flash mob descending on a "surprise iconic Las Vegas location."

4 KANYE VS. KANYE VS. KANYE VS. KANYE

Yep, Kanye West is guaranteed to win at least one OMA, in the Best Tweet category, where he's nominated against himself five times. That's what saying head-scratching things such as "I always misspell genius SMH! The irony!" and "What do I have to do to get a simple persian rug with cherub imagery uuuuugh" will get ya.

5 OTHER WTF CATEGORIES

By their very nature, the OMAs recognize the best in productivity-lessening websites. Hence, entire categories dedicated to best NSFW music video, fan army FTW and best music hashtag meme. And let's not forget best animal performance—we think Sax Playing Walrus has really earned this one.



Kanye West
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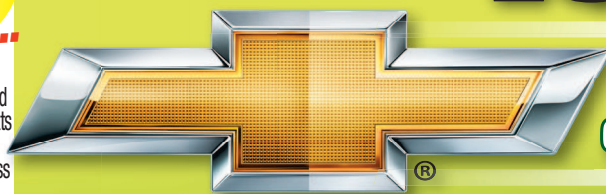
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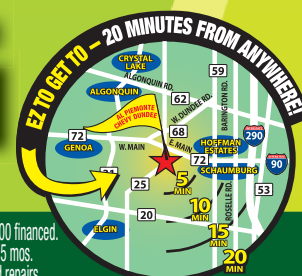
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You go, girl!

Beyonce just can't keep herself under wraps. The singer's latest single, "Girls (Who Run the World)," leaked Monday on YouTube, **billboard.com** reports. Still images from the song's video were leaked last week and show Beyonce wearing a giant golden goddess headdress while toting a "B" flag, so we're gonna guess this one's about female empowerment.



More, please

How good is HBO's new show "Game of Thrones"? After airing only one episode, the network already has renewed the fantasy series for a second season, following premiere-night gross ratings of 4.2 million viewers. The network did the same after the award-winning "Boardwalk Empire" premiered last year, so HBO seems to know what it's doing. **HBO PHOTO**

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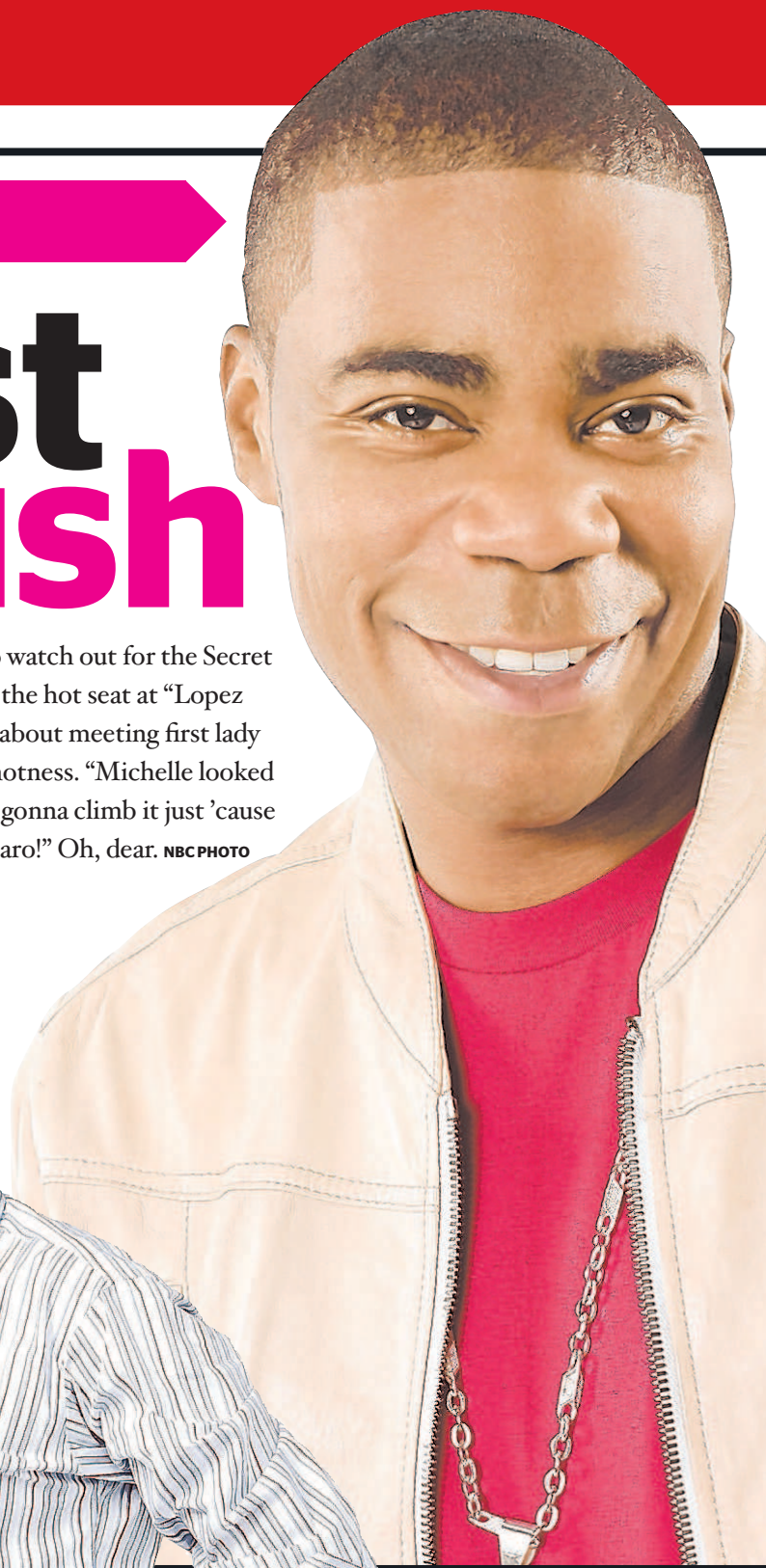
APRIL 23

That's when Arcade Fire will sing the seventh-inning stretch at Wrigley Field, according to Len and Bob's Baseball Blog. In other Arcade Fire news, the band will re-release "The Suburbs" with two new tracks, according to **spin.com**, though a release date hasn't been set.

TRACY'S

first crush

Tracy Morgan might want to watch out for the Secret Service. The comedian took the hot seat at "Lopez Tonight" on Monday to talk about meeting first lady Michelle Obama—and her hotness. "Michelle looked like a tall mountain, and I'm gonna climb it just 'cause it's there," he said. "Kilimanjaro!" Oh, dear. **NBC PHOTO**



Cotillard



Gordon-Levitt

Gotham's new stars

Two more "Inception" alums have officially joined the cast of "The Dark Knight Rises," Warner Bros. announced Tuesday. French actress Marion Cotillard will play Miranda Tate, a Wayne Enterprises board member intriguingly described by the studio as "eager to help a still-grieving Bruce Wayne." Joseph Gordon-Levitt will take on the role of someone a little more blue-collar, Gotham City cop John Blake.

JT or no JT?

Will he? Won't he? What's in the box? It all got a little confusing Tuesday when "Saturday Night Live" tweeted that Justin Timberlake would host the season finale, according to **huffingtonpost.com**, then took the tweet off of its **@nbcsnl** feed. What a bunch of mother lovers.

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